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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001-02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1100

Introduced by Assembly Member Simitian

February 23, 2001

An act to add Section 113948 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to environmental health, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1100, as amended, Simitian. Retail food facilities: inspection information: implementation grants.

Existing law, the California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law, provides for the regulation of health and sanitation standards for retail food facilities by the State Department of Health Services.

Existing law requires the State Department of Health Services to establish a standardized food facility inspection format on or before January 1, 2002, and requires each local health agency to utilize this format.

Existing law also requires the department, in consultation with local environmental health officers, representatives of the retail food industry, and other interested parties, on or before January 1, 2002, to establish standardized procedures for local health agencies to report information regarding each food facility inspection, reinspection, date of last inspection, period of any closure, and the facility name and address.

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This bill would authorize the department to award implementation grants, not to exceed \$50,000 each, to counties that elect to utilize the existing standardized uniform food facility inspection format and reporting procedures, and that provide matching local funds. The bill would appropriate an unspecified sum \$500,000 from the General Fund to the department for purposes of awarding the implementation grants, to be deposited into the Retail Food Facility Inspection and Reporting Implementation Grant Fund, which would be created by the bill for purposes of providing these grants.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that Americans now spend 40 percent of their food dollars at restaurants compared with 27 percent in 1970, and are increasingly interested in food facility inspection information being readily available. Some states, such as Alaska, Florida, and Tennessee, as well as some California counties, make food facility inspection information available to interested persons through the Internet. SEC. 2. Section 113948 is added to the Health and Safety
 - SEC. 2. Section 113948 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:
 - 113948. (a) The department shall award implementation grants to counties that elect to utilize the standardized uniform food facility inspection format and reporting procedures provided for in Sections 113946 and standardized uniform food facility reporting procedures provided for in Section 113947. Participating counties shall be eligible to apply to the department for implementation grants pursuant to application procedures to be developed by the department.
 - (b) Grants shall only be awarded to counties that agree to provide local matching funds for the grant amount applied for, and shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) each.
 - (c) Grant recipients shall use funds awarded pursuant to this section and matching funds provided by the recipient to post information on the county's Internet website regarding the county's food service facility inspection results, to the extent that the recipient does not already post that information.

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1 (d) The Retail Food Facility Inspection and Reporting Implementation Grant Fund is hereby created in the State Treasury and, notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, is continuously appropriated to the department for the purpose of 5 providing grants pursuant to this section. Notwithstanding Section 16305.7 of the Government Code, any moneys received by the department pursuant to this section, and any other sources, repayments, interest, or new appropriations shall be deposited in 9 the fund.

SEC. 3. The sum of _____ dollars (\$_____) is hereby

10 11 SEC. 3. The sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State 12 Department of Health Services for the purpose of awarding the 13 14 implementation grants authorized by Section 113948 of the Health and Safety Code, and shall be deposited into the Retail Food 15 Facility Inspection and Reporting Implementation Grant Fund created by Section 113948 of the Health and Safety Code.